

Greenville, SC 29609

March 16, 2019

Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive
Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

To Members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission:

This letter is in reference to Docket # 2018-319-E. My wife Martha and I are retired educators who taught in public high schools in South Carolina for our entire careers. We have lived in and owned our home here in Greenville County for over 40 years.

We understand that the cost of living is rising each year, but the flat rate increase proposed by Duke Energy will significantly impact our monthly costs. Living on a small farm, we have three meters regulating the energy to our home and outbuildings. The proposed increase would in effect raise our standard power rates \$60.00 per month. This is unacceptable and would put an unnecessary financial burden on our monthly payments.

Please know that we understand Duke Energy's need to make money and we certainly appreciate their service to their customers, but this proposal goes beyond what is reasonable for all concerned. Surely there has got to be a better solution to this issue. It seems as though increasing the kilowatt cost as opposed to the flat rate might be more equitable for residential and industrial consumers. At least that way those who use the power would be paying the price rather than those of us who are on fixed incomes and struggle monthly to keep our costs in check.

Thank you for hearing our concerns, and I hope you will take them into consideration as you make your decision regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



David Dolge and Martha Dolge

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